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(54) Ta SPUTTERING TARGET AND ITS PRODUCTION

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PURPOSE: To form a thin film excellent in uniformity by using a target formed from a plastically worked material of Ta having a specified content of gaseous

components and a specified average grain diameter.

CONSTITUTION: This Ta sputtering target is formed from a plastically worked material of refined Ta having ≤100ppm total content of gaseous components and ≤1mm average grain diameter. A Ta ingot having ≤100ppm total content of gaseous components is cold-worked at ≥90% rate of working and recrystallized by heat treatment at 900-1,300°C heating temp. in ≤0.1mmbar vacuum. The target can be expected to contribute largely toward improving the performance of a member utilizing a thin Ta or Ta alloy film.